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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In compliance with Rules 1.97 and 1.98, and in fulfillment of the duty of disclosure under Rule 1.56, the accompanying documents, copies of which are attached to this statement, are made of record on the enclosed sheet.

A concise explanation of the relevance of these items is that we are advised by our client that these references were cited in International Application PCT/JP99/02478 filed May 13, 1999.

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